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SUBJECT: WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT.

DOTA NO.197-TT

RE TTPI NO. 229 - WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT. DOTA LETTER OF JUNE 14, 1973, TO HICOM ESTABLISHED POLICY THAT TTPI WILL DEPOSIT DOLLARS IN MICRONESIAN CLAIMS FUND IN AMOUNT OF TOTAL VALUE OF AVAILABLE JAPANESE FUNDS,(I.E. 1.8 BILLION YEN PLUS INTEREST EARNED) USED FOR PROCUREMENT OF JAPANESE GOODS AND SERVICES CALCULATED AT EXCHANGE RATES AT THE TIME OF PROCUREMENT. ANOTHER COPY OF POLICY LETTER BEING MAILED TODAY. DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS EARLIER POLICY DECISION IS NOW BEING QUESTIONED. WHILE TTPI LIAISON OFFICER, OKINAWA, MEMO OF APRIL 20 AND STATE MESSAGE (CONF. TOKYO 5256, DTG 090735 APR 76) REFERENCED THEREIN MAY HAVE GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO ENDORSES YOUR SUGGESTED APPROACH, STATE DEPT. WASH., D.C. IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH SUGGESTED APPROACH AND REMINDS ALL CONCERNED THAT SUCH POLICY MATTERS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNLESS YOU CAN PROVIDE DETAILED LEGAL OPINION AS A BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION OF YOUR SUGGESTED APPROACH, EXISTING POLICY IS NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGED. ALSO, AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT POSSIBILITY OF U.S. AND JAPANESE AGREEMENT ON ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TITLE I CLAIMS IS REMOTE AND CLAIMANTS SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO ANTICIPATE SUCH ADDITIONAL FUNDS. REVISION TO PROCUREMENT #LIST" SHOULD BE EXPEDITED AND STATE DEPT. HAS INDICATED THAT JAPAN WILL INSIST ON DETAILED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR REVISION. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME LEFT FOR PROCUREMENT, SUGGEST YOU DIRECT YOUR STAFF TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING DISTRICT PROCUREMENT TO UTILIZE PROCUREMENT FROM JAPANESE "LIST." CANNOT UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, WHY TTPI HAS USED LESS THAN 5,000 DOLS OF THE 200,000 DOLS AVAILABLE FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (CATEGORY B-3), AND LESS THAN 20,000 DOLS OF THE 200,000 DOLS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (CATEGORY B-2). ANNUAL TTPI PROCUREMENT OF SUCH ITEMS ALMOST CERTAINLY IS MANY TIMES THE AMOUNT PROCURED PURSUANT TO WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT AND THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT NOT ENOUGH EFFORT TO CONSUMATE JAPANESE PROCUREMENT HAS BEEN MADE. ACTING DOTA SENDS. SISCO

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